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SUBJ: JOINT PRC-FRENCH COMMUNIQUE

1. JOINT PRC-FRENCH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SEPT 17 AT THE END

OF POMPIDOU VISIT SEEMS BLANDER THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.

COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD "BRADLY IDENTICAL VIEWS"

ON MANY INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, BUT, COMMON LANGUAGE WAS FOUND FOR

EXPRESSING AGREEMENT ONLY ON NON-

CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS--EQUALITY OF ALL COUNRIES, PEACE

IN INDOCHINA AND NATIONAL CONCORD IN LAOS, ETC. PEKING

TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ROUTINELY REITERATE ITS SUPPORT FOR

SIHANOUK'S GOVERNMENT AND HIS FIVE-POINT STATEMENT. THE

COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD "STUDIED THE SITUATION

IN EUROPE," BUT NO COMMON POSITIONS WERE GIVEN. CHINA

STRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

TO UNITE FOR "MUTUAL SECURITY" WHILE FRANCE STATED THAT "UNDER

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THE CONDITION OF LOYALTY TO ITS OWN ALLIANCE IT PURSUED A POLICY

AIMED AT ACHIEVING DETENTE" AND ESTABLISHING A "GENUINE EUROPEAN ALLINACE" IN THE EEC. IN AN EARLY PARAGRAPH ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES THE TWO SIDES DECLARED OPPOSITION TO "HEGEMONY OF ANY TYPE," A PRINCIPLE WHICH PEKING PRESUMABLY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THE SECTION DEALING WITH THE EUROPEAN SITUATION

2. EXCHANGES OF OPINIONS WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN HELD ON QUESTIONS OF THE THIRD WORLD, DISARMAMENT AND FOREIGN TRADE BUT INTERESTINGLY NO VIEWS AT ALL WERE RECORDED ON THESE SUBJECTS. GIVEN THE COMMON PRC-FRENCH VIEW ON DISARMAMENT, PEKING WAS PROBABLY DISAPPOINTED IN THIS. BOTH SIDES INDICATED GRATIFICATION AT THE EXCELLENT PROSPECTS IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD DECIDED TO SIGN A SHIPPING AGREEMENT AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AIR TRANSPORTATION. OSBORN

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